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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yamini PATEL *et al*

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Group Art No. 1652

Examiner: TBA

Docket No. 012047.00047

For: HIGH VISCOSITY XANTHAN POLYMER PREPARATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendment. It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due to enter this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.